

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2571
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2001
ECONOMIC PACKAGE DUE TO DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to give a special economic package or improve the existing one for Chhattisgarh Government in view of the severe drought/famine in the State;
- (b) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the State Government in this regard;
- (c) the time by which the special package is likely to be given;
- (d) the details of additional amount of assistance proposed to be given; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (e): The entire Central share of Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) for 2000-01 amounting to Rs.20.60 crore has been released to the State. In addition, assistance of Rs.40.00 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) has been released to the State in the wake of drought. The other steps taken include allocation of 1.60 lakh tonnes of foodgrains, free of cost, for Food for Work Programme, about 32,000 tonnes of foodgrains at BPL rates per month for 3 months, allocation of 'Feed grade' foodgrains for use as cattle feed, transportation of drinking water and fodder free of cost to the affected areas by the Railways and handing over of exploratory tube wells for drinking water purposes.